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SUBJ: GOC CLARIFICATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATHS AMCITS

TERUGGI AND HORMAN

REF: STATE 223331

1. DURING NOV 13 CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN
RELATIONS CARVALLO ON ANOTHER MATTER, I RAISED THIS SUBJECT.
I SAID THAT I SHOULD BE SENDING ANOTHER NOTE ON THESE LAMENTABLE
CASES WHICH WOULD ASK FOR DETAILED CLARIFICATION OF A NUMBER OF
FACTUAL DISCREPANCIES IN BOTH CASES. I SAID I WANTED HIM TO
KNOW THAT STRONG CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST CONTINUES
IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE DEATHS OF THESE TWO AMERICAN
CITIZENS AND IN THE RESULTS OF THE GOC-PROMISED INVESTIGATION.
BOTH INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PRESS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE
DWELLING ON FACTUAL DISCREPANCIES IN BOTH CASES. I SAID IT IS
OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE GOC PROVIDE US, AS PROMPTLY
AS POSSIBLE, A SUBSTANTIVE REPORT ON ITS INVESTIGATION, HAVING
IN MIND THAT ANY REPORT WHICH APPEARS TO BE MERELY PRO
FORMA WILL BE WIDELY CONDEMNED BY NUMEROUS INTERESTED
CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER PARTIES AS UNRESPONSIVE AND INDICATIVE
OF OFFICIAL "COVER UP."

2. CARVALLO SAID HE WAS KEENLY AWARE OF THE FACTUAL DISCRE-
PANCIES IN THESE CASES, INCLUDING DISCREPANCY BETWEEN FOREIGN
MINISTRY NOTE ON HORMAN AND FACTS SUBSEQUENTLY ESTABLISHED.
HE NOTED THAT CHILEAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS ALSO BEING
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PRESSED ON THESE CASES. HE SAID THE GOC IS MAKING A CON-

CERTED EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE FACTS AND REFERRED TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S FORMAL AND URGENT REQUEST TO THE MINISTER
OF INTERIOR LAST WEEK FOR COMPLETION OF A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION
OF BOTH CASES. CARVALLO SAID THE GOC INTEREST MUST BE IN
ESTABLISHING THE TRUTH. IF THE TRUTH PROVES TO BE THAT SOME
TERRIBLE MISTAKES WERE MADE BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES, THEN
THE GOC MUST PUNISH THE GUILTY AND MAKE SUCH RECOMPENSE
AS IS POSSIBLE. IN ANY CASE, THE GOC MUST GET AT THE TRUTH.
I EXPRESSED COMPLETE AGREEMENT.

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